



PEABODY

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

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The City of Peabody, strategically located 18 miles North of Boston at the intersection of Route 128, Route 1 and I-95, is a city that works, residents state emphatically. They point out that Peabody has evolved into a diverse vibrant community, a wonderful place to live and raise a family, and a tremendous economic success story.

Throughout its history, Peabody has been a regional employment center for the North Shore. From its rise as one of the world's great leather-producers with over 100 tanneries, to today's modern, highly successful Centennial Industrial Park, newly renovated North Shore Mall and rejuvenated downtown, Peabody continues to be a focal point for the North Shore economy.

Peabody is also special because its citizens believe in their community. One example is the "Pride in Peabody" program in which all segments of the community come together to enhance, restore and maintain the beauty of the city. Citizens also participate in and support the many community activities available such as the International Festival, the Brooksby Harvest Festival, the Holiday Festival and the Community Concerts series. This community spirit makes the city exciting and gives it strength. Residents are confident that the rejuvenated leather city sparkles more brightly than ever.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lynnfield on the west, Middleton and Danvers on the north, Salem on the east, and Lynn on the south. Peabody is 17 miles north of Boston; 17 miles south of Lawrence; 90 miles south of Portland, Maine; and 238 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 16.88 sq. miles

Land Area: 16.40 sq. miles

Population: 47,039

Density: 2,868 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Middleton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.6°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Salem, Reading, Lynn

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 532-3000

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Mayor-Council

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1868

As a city: 1916

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	27,394		
Democrats	11,376	41.5	%
Republicans	1,899	6.9	%
Other parties	5	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	14,114	51.5	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Peabody city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	48,129	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	48,129	100.0
Male.....	23,047	47.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	1,651	3.4
Female.....	25,082	52.1	Mexican.....	70	0.1
Under 5 years.....	2,805	5.8	Puerto Rican.....	280	0.6
5 to 9 years.....	3,076	6.4	Cuban.....	38	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	3,079	6.4	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	1,263	2.6
15 to 19 years.....	2,655	5.5	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	46,478	96.6
20 to 24 years.....	2,063	4.3	White alone.....	44,466	92.4
25 to 34 years.....	5,957	12.4	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	8,207	17.1	Total population.....	48,129	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	6,956	14.5	In households.....	47,409	98.5
55 to 59 years.....	2,706	5.6	Householder.....	18,581	38.6
60 to 64 years.....	2,227	4.6	Spouse.....	10,384	21.6
65 to 74 years.....	4,366	9.1	Child.....	14,277	29.7
75 to 84 years.....	3,052	6.3	Own child under 18 years.....	9,873	20.5
85 years and over.....	990	2.0	Other relatives.....	2,452	5.1
Median age (years).....	40.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	661	1.4
18 years and over.....	37,413	77.7	Nonrelatives.....	1,715	3.6
Male.....	17,582	36.5	Unmarried partner.....	788	1.6
Female.....	19,831	41.2	In group quarters.....	720	1.5
21 years and over.....	36,129	75.1	Institutionalized population.....	535	1.1
62 years and over.....	9,737	20.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	185	0.4
65 years and over.....	8,398	17.4	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	3,335	6.9	Total households.....	18,581	100.0
Female.....	5,063	10.5	Family households (families).....	12,981	69.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	5,517	29.7
One race.....	47,284	98.2	Married-couple family.....	10,384	55.9
White.....	45,204	93.9	With own children under 18 years.....	4,420	23.8
Black or African American.....	466	1.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,940	10.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	57	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	881	4.7
Asian.....	667	1.4	Nonfamily households.....	5,600	30.1
Asian Indian.....	119	0.2	Householder living alone.....	4,722	25.4
Chinese.....	196	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	2,262	12.2
Filipino.....	39	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	5,974	32.2
Japanese.....	30	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	5,824	31.3
Korean.....	102	0.2	Average household size.....	2.55	(X)
Vietnamese.....	128	0.3	Average family size.....	3.09	(X)
Other Asian ¹	63	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	7	-	Total housing units.....	18,898	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	18,581	98.3
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	317	1.7
Samoan.....	4	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	60	0.3
Some other race.....	883	1.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	845	1.8	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.7	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:</i> ³			Occupied housing units.....	18,581	100.0
White.....	45,963	95.5	Owner-occupied housing units.....	13,227	71.2
Black or African American.....	623	1.3	Renter-occupied housing units.....	5,354	28.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	164	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.75	(X)
Asian.....	760	1.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.06	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	60	0.1			
Some other race.....	1,434	3.0			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	505
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	172
Federal (Section 8):	262



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Peabody is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 1, Interstate Route 95, and State Route 128, the inner belt around Boston, which forms an interchange with I-95 in Peabody.

Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from Salem (travel time: 25-34 min.; 340 MBTA parking spaces) and from Lynn (22-24 min.; 965 spaces). Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (508) 663-1073

Bus

Peabody is a non-participating member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The MBTA provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled. Michaud Bus Lines provides regularly scheduled service between Peabody and Salem. Peabody Transit, a city-run transit program, provides service to major employment centers.

Other

The Beverly Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility in neighboring Beverly, has 3 asphalt runways 3,500'; 4,634'; and 5,001' long. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Lahey Clinic North

Long Term Care

Farnsworth Nursing Home

Peabody Glen Nursing Center

Pilgrim Rehab. & Skilled Nursing Center

Rainbow Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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